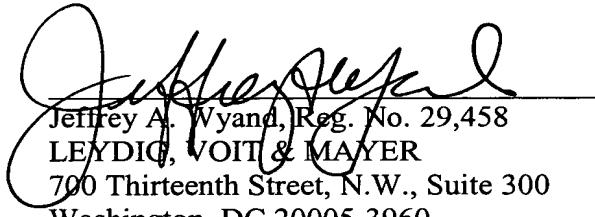


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The foregoing Amendment corrects translational errors and conforms the claims to United States practice.

Amendments to the specification are made by way of a substitute specification. The substitute specification, English-language translation of the original specification, and a computer-generated comparison document showing the differences between the original and substitute specifications, all pursuant to 37 CFR 1.215, are separately supplied. No new matter is added in the amendments to the specification, claims, and abstract.

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